

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A cell line that comprises a recombinant vector and expresses truncated Flk-1, wherein said vector comprises a nucleotide sequence that encodes a truncated Flk-1 which inhibits the cellular effects of VEGF binding, wherein said truncated Flk-1 consists of an amino sequence corresponding to 1-806 of SEQ ID NO: 2 lacking a functional cytoplasmic domain but having a functional Flk-1 extracellular and transmembrane domain, which inhibits the cellular effects of VEGF binding.

6. (Currently Amended) A cell line according to claim 5, wherein said vector is a retrovirus vector, and wherein said cell line (i) produces infectious retrovirus particles encoding truncated Flk-1 and (ii) expresses truncated Flk-1 encoded by said retrovirus vector.

7-9. (Cancelled)